Govt mulls mobile banking to encourage remittance

Says BB governor

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The government is trying to introduce mobile banking system to encourage migrants to send money through banking channels, the central bank governor said yesterday.

"We are trying hard to improve the banking system to help migrant workers send remittances to their families in a fast, cheap and safe way," said Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed while addressing an information campaign on remittances, organized by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

However, the governor asked the banks to improve its own systems to foster the foreign inflow of remittances into the country.

According to IOM statistics, last year 8.2 lakh Bangladeshi workers went abroad in search of work and the number is expected to reach a million this year. IOM said Bangladesh is one of the top ten remittance earning countries in the world.

Sources said BB has already drafted a policy for adopting the mobile banking system in the country. The central bank sent some of its officials to other countries where the

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Required qualifications and experiences:

Excellent proficiency in English.

inside and outside the country.

following documents.

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Bangladesh Bank Governor Salehuddin Ahmed, among others, is seen at a function on remittances, organised by the International Organisation for Migration, in Dhaka yesterday.

system already exists to educate them in this regard, before formulating the draft policy, which is on final stage.

The BB governor said sending remittance through informal channels, such as 'hundi' is illegal and unreliable. He said the practice has been reduced significantly due to the combined efforts of the government and the BB.

Salehuddin Ahmed urged

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Establishment of International Mother Language Institute Project

Ministry of Education

Bangladesh, Dhaka

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To design a document/conceptual framework for the establishment and operation of the International Mother

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ix) To develop a research and documentation module for extinct and endangered languages

arrangements to enrich the library with relevant books and other multimedia materials.

vii) Any assignment relevant for the purpose of achieving the above responsibilities if so felt by the authority.

viii) To develop a Website in order to establish a permanent information system on languages of the world.

Provide technical input for preparation of guideline for the collection of information related to the present

status of the mother languages of different nations including the history of development especially those

Assist the Project Director to identify necessary strategies for establishing with the language institute

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Interested candidates are requested to apply with full bio-data, 2 copies of passport size photograph including

The CV of the interested candidate must be submitted to the Project Director, Establishment of International

Mother Language Institute Project, Block-3, 2nd Floor, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Shikka Bhaban, Dhaka-1000,

either by mail or person on or before 31-07-2008 at 5:00pm. The undersigned will not be responsible for any

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National Consultant.

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PhD from a reputed university in an area related with language development.

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Notice for Appointment of National Consultant for International Mother Language Institute Project.

the objectives of this project. The terms of reference of the consultant are given below:

language research/comparative study of literature and culture.

1st class MA in Language/Anthropology/Ethnology.

languages that are now threatened to extinct.

Attested copies of all educational certificates.

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Please mention the post on the envelope.

the migrant workers to invest their remittances in the productive sectors, including small and medium enterprises and micro financing.

In the fiscal year 2007-08, Bangladesh earned nearly \$8 billion from remittances, which was \$5.98 billion in the previous year.

Rabab Fatima, IOM's regional representative for South Asia, said the remit-

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Date: 08/7/08

Shirin Akhtar

Project Director

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tances sent by the migrant workers is ten times more than the foreign direct investment and five times more than official development assistance received.

Touhid Hossain, secretary for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Abdul Main Chowdhury, secretary for Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry were present at the

Mitsubishi Motor introduces

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Mitsubishi Motor Corporation has introduced its new slogan Dive@earth, according to a press release.

Main objective of this new slogan is to ensure protection of earth from air pollution and also ensure transport facility for the people from every corner of the earth.

Drive@earth has a mission to clarify across all market its future directions. Mitsubishi Motor Corporation intends to convey its responsibility towards the environment.

Mitsubishi has a long heritage of manufacturing four wheel rally tested tough vehi-

Mitsubishi has started marketing environment friendly efficient vehicles. Rapidly changing weather and reducing fuel reserve has led Mitsubishi Motor Corporation to manufacture and market zero carbon emission environment friendly efficient vehi-

In Bangladesh, Mitsubishi is being marketed by Rangs Limited, a sister concern of Rangs Group, a leading conglomerate.

new slogan

uninterrupted, officials said. The Marxist JVP spearhead ing the action urged state health, railway, bus, port, education and postal workers to stay off work and demand a

> 5,000-rupee (47-dollar) monthly pay hike. Lalkantha said at least 100,000 people had joined the islandwide strike, while worker

Citi puts Bangladesh

resources in

Asia network

As a part of Citi's strategy to

continuously build and export

out its local talents across the

globe, Citibank, NA

Bangladesh arranged the

placement of 4 of its senior

officials to Vietnam, Indonesia,

Singapore and India franchise,

Treasurer at Citi Bangladesh

has been posted as the Country

Singapore as a senior reviewer.

Yasir Ali, chief dealer at

Bangladesh Treasury, has

joined as AVP in Corporate

Sales & Structuring (CSS) at Citi

director and Citi country offi-

cer-Bangladesh, said Citibank's

philosophy centers on provid-

ing a dynamic and stimulating

environment that empowers

people to develop their career

within the organization.

Sri Lanka's

AFP, Colombo

unions strike

for higher pay

Sri Lankan government work-

ers Thursday held a one-day

token strike for higher pay

organised by opposition-

backed labour unions but

essential services were largely

Mamun Rashid, managing

India Treasury.

Bashar Tareq, Country

STAR BUSINESS DESK

says a press release.

lunch break. Despite a few isolated inci dents, the strike appeared to be peaceful, and essential services were reported to be running a

State-run railways chie Lalithasiri Gunaruwan said trains were operating as usua but logs had been placed across the track near the southern town of Beruwala and two trains

The government said the

Rajapakse has promised a 1,000 rupee monthly pay rise to som one million state workers hit by inflation of 28.2 percent. The salary hike will cost the govern ment seven billion rupees.

JVP spokesman K.D. attached to private firms would join in solidarity during their

scheduled.

had been vandalised elsewhere

strike was a failure with buses ports, airports and hospitals operating as normal. But traffic in the capital Colombo was thir as people stayed away, fearing a lack of public transport. President Mahind

Car spare parts maker keen to invest in Ctg

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Draxell Mayer, an industrial giant of Germany that manufactures spare parts of luxurious vehicles like BMW and Mercedes Bench, has showed its keen interest to invest in Chittagong.

Treasurer at Citi Vietnam. Executive Director of the Rashed Maqsood, a seasoned company Eric Reiter Citi resource having served in expressed the interest while multiple roles and currently exchanging views with the Transaction Services Head-President of Chittagong Bangladesh will assume the role of the Transaction Services Chamber of Commerce and Head at Citi Indonesia. Sydur Industry (CCCI) Rahman, previously CFO-Saifuzzaman Chowdhury on Bangladesh, has joined Citi Wednesday. Audit and Risk Review team at

with a five-member delega- region.

tion comprising high officials of the company. Willhelm Hehn, Felix Mattes and Grzegorz Ciupka were other members of the delegation.

The visiting team expressed satisfaction over the business friendly atmosphere in Chittagong.

Welcoming the visiting team, the CCCI president briefed about the existing attractive investment opportunities in Bangladesh.

Describing the importance of Chittagong because of its geographical location, Saifuzzaman called upon the Reiter visited the chamber visiting team to invest in the

DBBL okays half yearly unaudited financial statement

STAR BUSINESS DESK

The Board of Directors of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited was held at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Wednesday that approved the half-yearly provisional unaudited financial statement-2008.

Bank Chairman Abul Hasnat Md Rashidul Islam presided over the meeting.

During the first half of the current year, the bank earned an operating profit of Tk 1,089.14 million as against the corresponding figure of Tk 675.42 million of the previous year depicting a growth rate of 61.26 percent.

The net profit after provision and tax is Tk 462.68 million. As on June 30, 2008, the total deposit of the bank stood at Tk 45,366.46 million as against the corresponding figure of Tk 43,342.75 million of the previous year and loans and advances stood at Tk 39,311.19 million as against the corresponding figure of Tk 32,933.17 million of the previous year marking a growth rate of 4.67 percent and 19.37 percent respectively.

Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) as on June 30, 2008 stood at 10.30 percent as against Bangladesh Bank's minimum requirement of 10 percent.

China's shoe export not optimistic

XINHUA, Beijing

China's export of shoes was 3.39 billion pairs in the first five months of this year, dropping 3.6 percent year on year, according to statistics from the customs.

The average export price was three dollars per pair, jumping 15.8 percent.

May's export of shoes was 690 million pairs, down 4.9 percent year on year, and 7.1 percent month on month, with average price standing at 3.2 US dollars per pair, up 22.8 percent vear on year.

Shoes export to the United States dropped, but that to EU increased.

China's export of shoes to the USA was 880 million pairs, down 4.5 percent, and accounting for 26 percent of the country's total export of shoes and export to EU was 640 million pairs, up 6.8 percent, 18.9 percent of the country's total.

The customs analysts listed the following four factors affecting China's export of shoes in the first five months.

-- Export rebate rate adjustment. China cut export rebate rate on shoe products by two percentage points as of July 1, 2007, adding more pressure on shoemakers besides appreciation of RMB.

-- Decrease of number of shoe production enterprises. According to statistics, China's shoe exporting companies decreased 1,719 in the first five months of this year on the basis of the 9,856 in the same period last year.

-- Impact of the subprime crisis. The USA has long been a major destination of China's shoes export. But the subprime crisis has affected consumption in the States, and also China's export to the USA.

-- Trade barrier EU launched anti-dumping measures against leather shoes imported from China by collecting 16.5 percent anti-dumping tax in October 2007, which was followed by some other countries such as Pakistan, Peru and-Canada.

Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation 137-138, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka -1000

est for Expression of Interest (EOD) for short listing of local firm/firms for

1.	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Industries
2.	Name of Procuring Entity	Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), a State Owned Corporation.
3.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
4.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Local Architectural & Engineering Firm/Firms
5.	EOI Reference No.	Civil Engr-406/2007
6.	Date	07-07-2008
KEY	INFORMATION	
7.	Procurement Method	LCS (Least Cost Selection)
FUN	DING INFORMATION	
8.	Budget and Source of Funds	BSCIC's Own Fund
9.	Development Partner (If Applicable)	Not Applicable
PAR	TICULAR INFORMATION	
10	Project/Programme Name (If Applicable)	Not Applicable
11.	Place of submission of EOI	Civil Engineering Department, BSCIC
12.	EOI Closing date and time	30-07-2008 & 2.00 P.M. (BST)
INFO	DRMATION FOR APPLICATION	
	Brief description of the service	The Consultancy Service for Architectural & Engineering Design of New Multistoried Office Building of BSCIC at Plot No. 137-13 Motijheel Commercial Area (15 khata 15 chatak). On the above context a short description of scope of works is give below: Visit the site and carry out an initial appraisal, Assist the Owner in preparation of the Owner's requirements, Submit Preliminary design, Model of new Building and Approximation of construction costs, Prepare Drawings for Approval by RAJUK Develop detailed design & drawing for approved schem (Architectural, Structural, Plumbing, Electro-Mechanical Design Tender documents, Bill of quantity & Specification etc.).
14.	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	General Experience: The Firm/Firms shall have experience of at least 1 (One) complete. Consultancy Service within last 7 (seven) years on Architectural & Engineering Design of minimum 10 (ten) storied Building. Required Information: Interested Architectural & Engineering design Firm/Firms will be

required to provide the following Information:

. List & Description of similar assignments,

accordance with the PPR-2008.

Engr. Md. Shahidul Haque

Phone: 9553501, Fax No. 880-2-95530704

Not Applicable

Chief Engineer.

21. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs without assigning any reason.

20. Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI BSCIC Bhaban, (7th Floor), 137-138 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka - 1000.

· Company Profile/Brochures of the Firm/Firms including

· Availability of appropriate experience and professional

· Administrative strength and financial capability of Firm/Firms

(Bank solvency certificate, Latest Audit report of the firm/firms)

a) Short listed Firms will be selected using the selection method in

b)RFP (Request for Proposal) will be issued to short listed Firms.

BSCIC Bhaban, (7th Floor), 137-138 Motifheel C/A, Dhaka - 1000.

qualification among applicant's staff and resource to carry out the

summarizing their activities / facilities and area of expertise,

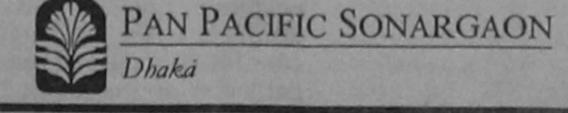
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

17. Name of Official Inviting EOI

18. Designation of Official Inviting EOI

19. Address of Official Inviting EOI

15. Others details

Chief Engineer BSCIC, Dhaka

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